DEWAN'S REPLY: You will remember, Mr. Madhavan Pillai, that His Highness has promised that the constitution of the Assembly will be revised; and at that time, your suggestions about elections and the fixing of the hours for polling will no doubt be considered.

Government are maintaining one Ayurvedic hospital and dispensary and nine aided *vaidyasalas* in the town. If more are wanted, the local Municipal Council, perhaps, might consider opening them.

There is a private Tamil school at Chalai and Government have also sanctioned the opening of Tamil classes in the vernacular high school. Any further primary school should be left to private enterprise, as I have already said.

The land that you want for grazing ground is said to be very poor, the soil being laterite. Government cannot see their way to set apart this reserve as a grazing ground.

The opening of a market in Survey No. 472 of the Aramada pakuthi is under consideration. The Dewan Peishkar has already ordered the grant of a license to hold a market.

82. Needs of the Trivandrum taluk.

MR. A. MATEVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum taluk, Group II*) first spoke about the hardships suffered by the people of the *pakuthies* included under Group II of the Trivandrum taluk owing to the absence of a Munsiff-Magistrate's Court midway between Attingal and Trivandrum. The need for the establishment of such a court had been brought to the notice of the Government and the departmental authorities for the past 15 years and more, but nothing was done in the matter. The files of the Munsiffs and Magistrates at Trivandrum and Attingal were very heavy. A Munsiff-Magistrate's Court should therefore be established at Kazhakkoottam, which was a central place between Trivandrum and Attingal. This would also enable the Government to abolish one of the Magistrates' Courts at Trivandrum and one each of the Munsiffs' Courts at Attingal and Trivandrum and thus effect a good saving.

The absence of a dispensary midway between Attingal and Trivandrum was a long-felt want. Members of both the Legislative Council and the Assembly had repeatedly urged on the attention of the Government the great hardship suffered by the people of the *pakuthies* comprised in Group II of the Trivandrum taluk for the want of a dispensary midway between Attingal and Trivandrum. A dispensary should therefore be opened without any delay in a central place between Trivandrum and Attingal, preferably at Kazhakkoottam or Puthentope.

Large portions of the Kazhakkoottam *ela* in Kazhakkoottam *pakuthi* and Punnattu *ela* in Aiyruppara pakuthi had become unfit for cultivation on account of the deposit of loose soil brought down by rain water from the forest areas of Kappakuzhi and Kooravuvila. The difficulties of the ryots in the matter and the very great hardship and loss suffered by them had already been brought to the notice of the Government

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and of the officers concerned, without any result. The Minor Irrigation Committee, were also appraised of it but they too were silent in the matter. As a remedy, immediate steps should be taken to construct drainage channels, one on the eastern side of the Kazhakkoottam *ela* westward to the Tettiyar river and another through the western side of the Punnattu *ela* to the same river, to divert to the Veli lake the rain water carrying loose soil.

Another need was the conversion into a cart road of the foot-path two furlongs in length, leading from the Kazhakkoottam Mahadevar temple, to the Kumil *teertham*, a place largely resorted to by Hindu pilgrims. During the rainy season there was great difficulty in getting access to the temple and the *teertham*. The foot-path should be made fit for cart traffic and two culverts should be constructed where the foot-path was crossed by canals.

Midway between Trivandrum and Kazhakkoottam there was formerly a Police outpost at Srikariyam. The abolition of the outpost caused a great deal of inconvenience to the people and an enormous increase in the number of criminal cases in the locality. The Police out-post should therefore be re-established. The old building in which the out-post was located was still available for the purpose.

Finally, the member spoke about the hardship suffered by the public on account of the vagaries of the Police at Kazhakkoottam. Till recently, the Police administration of Kazhakkoottam was conducted most inefficiently. To substantiate his statement, the member cited instances such as the setting fire to the Government primary school building of Pongummood at Olloor, the inefficient handling by the Police of the Pangappara and the Tonnakkal murder cases, etc. But it was gratifying to note that conditions had improved with the appointment of a new Inspector for the Kazhakkoottam Police Station.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Matevan Pillai, the question of establishing a Munsiff-Magistrate's Court between Trivandrum and Attingal has been considered more than once in the past and it has been found not necessary owing to the existence of train and bus service between the two towns.

The establishment of a dispensary, either at Kazhakkoottam or Puthentope will be considered when funds are available and new dispensaries are opened.

The Chief Engineer is conducting an investigation into the damage caused to the Kazhakkoottam and Punnattu *elas* by the flow of rain water; and his report is awaited.

The conversion into a cart road of the foot-path leading from the Kazhakkoottam temple to the Kumil *teertham* is under consideration.

As Kazhakkoottam is only five miles from Srikaryam, it is not considered necessary at present to have an outpost at Srikaryam.

The complaint about the inefficiency of the Police at Kazhakkoottam will be enquired into.

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